



Problem Solving Courts

Welcome to Idaho's Problem Solving Courts

Problem Solving Courts divert non-violent, substance abusing offenders from prison and jail into treatment. By increasing direct supervision of offenders, coordinating public resources, and expediting case processing. Problem Solving Courts can help break the cycle of criminal behavior, alcohol and drug use, and incarceration.

A decade of research indicates that Drug Courts reduce crime by lowering re-arrest and conviction rates, improving substance abuse treatment outcomes, and reuniting families, and also produce measurable cost benefits.

Eligibility standards have been approved by Problem Solving Court Judges, Public Defenders, Prosecutors, and other collaborators.

Here you will find information about the Drug, Mental Health, and DUI Courts of Idaho's seven Judicial Districts, resources to assist those who manage and staff Idaho Drug, Mental Health, and DUI Courts, and links to a wealth of additional web-based information. Problem Solving Courts in Idaho

operate under the statutory authority of the [Idaho Drug Court Act](#) [1], passed in 2001 by the Idaho Legislature, as part of a coordinated criminal justice strategy to address the drug - crime

connection. Also see Idaho Court Administrative Rule 55 ([I.C.A.R. 55](#) [2]). In 2005, Mental Health Courts were authorized under amendments to the Drug Court Act.



> [Adult Drug Court Standards & Guidelines for Effectiveness and Evaluation](#) **[3]**
Revised December 2011

> [Mental Health Court Guidelines for Effectiveness and Evaluation](#) **[4]**
Adopted April 4, 2008

> [Child Protection Drug Court Standards and Guidelines](#) **[5]**
Revised January 2014

> [Juvenile Drug Court Guidelines for Effectiveness and Evaluation](#) **[6]**
Adopted April 7, 2005



- [Idaho Drug Court and Mental Health Court Act](#) [1]

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